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PART II. THE THREE-LEAF EXCISE STAMPS

Contributed by Thomas Fletcher

In my album, the three-leaf excise stamps, originally laid out with a page for those of 1934-5, have been continued with the further issues of the war years arranged in the order of their approximate appearance. When studying the letter-pairs on these stamps, it struck me that on one page, there was a similarity in their general appearance. On checking, I was surprised to find that their letter-pairs began with the letter L. On a preceding page, another similar group began the letter-pair with I. Were these groups similar because they were issued at about the same time, or were they made by the same engraver? This thought led me to make a detailed study of the engraving on the excise stamps, as well as the tobacco strips and pouch labels. Here then, I wish to give my findings with the hope that others, more competent than I, may disprove or confirm them.

I had always been under the impression that there was one die for the frame of these excise stamps and that a new centre panel was inserted each time a new value was needed. Thus the frame would always look the same. A diligent use of the magnifying glass showed me that if this were the case, then the frame of each new value must have required a certain amount of retouching by the engraver every time a new centre panel was put in. So I bethought me to reread a little article by F. Walter Pollock (P.S. May, 1942, page 22) from which I quote: "No two dies can be engraved exactly alike, just as no one can sign his name twice in perfect registration. . . . . etc., etc." I found several points of difference, but the lower right hand corner in each denomination was the most fruitful. Could one find similarities of execution in these retouches, if they are such, then the work of each engraver might be recognized.

In the lower right corner, the double curve of the scroll allows less space to continue the grid below it, and this leads to different ways of finishing the corner. I made enlarged sketches of this area between the right border line, the scroll, and the little tongue below, for all the denominations that I had, made comparisons and tabulated the data.

The results, though not conclusive, did seem to indicate that the secret letter-pairs are key symbols of the different engravers who engraved the centre numeral panel and retouched the lower corners and also the leaves. Thus each stamp has its own distinguishing characteristics, and the series letters A to L definitely shows a step-by-step change throughout.

A few words of explanation about the tabulation:—

(1) The width between scroll and right border line are classed as:—

A—outer curve of scroll nearly touches border line.

B—space narrow between curve and border line.

C—all the inner curve of scroll is to left of first vertical line of grid, making a wider space to border line.

D1—like C, but no outer curve of scroll which is cut off on right side of 1st vert. line of grid, so area wide.

D2—like C, but vertical line of grid is continued across the outer curve of scroll to touch the inner curve. The border line is thickened so as to nearly reach a continuation of vertical grid line between scroll and tongue. Thus a double-lined triange is formed. One horizontal line runs from vertex of triangle to grid line.

E—Very wide area, outer curve of scroll is to left and touches first line of grid, which line is continuous down to the lower border line.

(2) 'leaf points' means the number of points of middle leaf on right side, which touch right border line.

(3) 'tongue' means the shape of tongue just below right-hand scroll.

(4) 'leaf detail' means the detail of veins, etc., on the right sides of the six leaves.

In the table, the letter pairs are listed in order of issue, as far as the limited knowledge at my disposal allows.

Letter pair	Value	Area width	Lines in Area	Leaf points	Tongue	Leaf detail
AB	3c	B	filled in	1	well formed	full
AT	6c	B	2 verticle lines	2	well formed	full
AF	2	C	several verticle lines 5-6 horizontal lines	2	well formed	light
AM	10	E	several verticle lines 1 thick horizontal line	2	well formed	full
DA	3-16	C	filled in with 1 hor. line, curved lines above it, short vert. lines below it.	2	well formed	light
EJ	3-20	E	filled in, triangle on some stamps	1	well formed	full
EV	3-8	D1	filled in, to inner curve, looks like E	1	thin	full
EW	50c	E	filled in	1	thin	full
ET	$1	E	filled in	1	thin	light
EK	2 1-4	C	filled in	1	thin	full
HQ	9-40	A	1 thick line (border) 1 thin line (grid) 2 hor. lines	1	well formed	strong
IP	3-10	C	filled in	1	thin	fair
IK	20c	C	filled in	1	thin	fair
IN	1-5	C	filled in, outer curve partly cut off like D1 area	1	thin	fair
IQ	1-2	D1	2 thick, 1 thin vert. 1 hor. line	1	well formed	little
IV	1c	D1	2 thick, 2 thin vert. triangle shows	1	short	little
IM	5c	D1	3 thick short vert. 1 hor. line	1	thin	good
IR	1-4	D2	filled in, 1 hor. line	2	well formed short	little
KA	$25	D2	border thick, triangle clear	2	well formed large	no detail almost
KL	70c	D2	triangle clear, middle line of scroll partly gone	2	well formed	no detail
LK	15c	D2	filled in, triangle not clear	2	well formed	good detail (strokes)
LY	8c	D2	triangle clear, middle line of scroll partly gone	2	thin	light detail (strokes)
LV	12c	D2	ditto	2	thin	light
LU	4c	D2	ditto	2	thin	none
LO	$2	D2	triangle clear	2	thin	light
LW	30c	D2	triangle clear	2	well formed	light
LT	25c	D2	filled in up to first vert line of grid	2	well formed	none and right sides also

Now, do the stamps whose letter-pairs begin with the same letter show any similarities? I think so, and the enlarged drawings of the lower right corner exhibit these likenesses much more graphically than does the table.

We could summarize and go further into detail than the above table provides but space does not permit.

So, Revenuers, what do you think of it? Get out your magnifying glasses and look over the Three-leaf Excise stamps—if you don't agree with me that this is the best explanation of the Letter-pairs, just let me know.

Classifying the Three-leaf Excise Stamps by their letter pairs will give also an approximate grouping into time of issue. I most certainly dislike to mount them, with all their varied surcharges too, in order of denomination as is given in the catalogues. That seems without rhyme or reason, so the next task is to find their dates of issue, then their proper grouping with reasons for it.

SCOTT'S 1948 PART 1.

By Aubrey Kelson

Pressure of work at the present time prevents my giving a detailed analysis of the many price changes in the British Empire listings.

Some special attention has been given in the re-pricing of the Empire countries, not in the past 20 years have so many price changes been made in mint and used stamps. The George 5th series have been very drastically changed and with some of the higher values almost doubled. In the George 6th issues the obsolete colors of the 1938 series have been advanced very considerably, otherwise these issues show little change. In the stamps of Newfoundland from 1911 to the present time the entire listings have mostly been repriced.

Collectors will no doubt have a greater regard for Scott's than in many years past, realizing that the new proprietors are taking hold and carefully correcting quotations throughout the entire work. One may rest assured that Mr. Gordon Harmer and his colleagues will not allow the publication to fall by the wayside in popularity, it is very heartening to recognise the change which has come about with the new ownership.

Countries which have already been checked over with the old 1947 edition and show drastic changes include Antigua from 1903 with many heavy advances. Ascension George the 5th issues are nearly all marked up. In Australia the increases are considerable. The Edwards and George 5th series of Bahamas have all been moved upwards. Barbados in the last half dozen issues have several gains and specially in the higher denominations. Bermuda joins the happy throng of countries advanced and with the 1922-36 12/6 almost doubled. British Guiana, British Honduras, Brunei, and Burma have considerable gains. Canada has been given its share of attention. The 1851 laid papers numbers 1 and 2 have both been moved upward, as well as a few of the 1859 issues. Some of the Edwards, the 1908 Tercentenary, and the 1922 Georges get the best of the advances.

T.S.C.C. NOTES

The Toronto Stamp Collectors' Club held their annual donation auction in the club's room at the Royal York Hotel on Thursday evening, December 18th. There was a turnout of about fifty members, each of whom donated one or more lots. These were placed on display for the first hour of the evening.

President thanked all for their generous contributions and reminded them that as the proceeds would be divided among three worthy charities to open their purse strings and bid to the limit. Auctioner Bayley was in fine form and amid hectic and hilarious bidding disposed of the eight-seven ots to realize $348.50. This amount will be divided equally among the following: The Sick Children's Hospital, The Queen Elizabeth Sanitarium, The Community Chest.

The serving of refreshments ended another memorable evening at the club.

The Editor wishes to thank everyone for the many Christmas cards which were received by him.

Interesting If Correct, or Not!

The following was received from Mr. L. H. Feldbauer of West Kildonan, Man. "With special interest I read the account of the Annual T. H. & B. Dinner in the November 1947 issue because of the engraving of the head of King Edward VII which appeared on the stamps of his time. This reminded me of another account about the design of these stamps which I had read two months ago in the German philatelic magazine "Sammler Express," Nr. 13 of September 1947.

Attached to this letter you will find a translation of this German account which, no doubt, would interest all your readers."

The Double of King Edward VII

The British stamps with the head of King Edward VII are not rare at all and are to be found in almost every collection.

Yet, they are truly remarkable. He, who thinks to see on these stamps a representation of the king's head, is mistaken, although the shape of the head, the features of the face, the eyes and the beard look just like those of Edward VII.

However, it is only an intriguing similarity, and the head on these British stamps is actually that of a certain Herr Hugo Gorlitz of Witten, Westfalia, Germany.

It did not get on the stamps by any error, nor has any forgery been intended. On the contrary, the king knew of his "double", and it was with his assent that Herr Gorlitz's head appeared on the stamps.

Herr Hugo Gorlitz of Witten, Germany, was living in London, England, as a businessman and was well known as the "double" of the then Prince of Wales who later became King Edward VII. When, in 1901, Queen Victoria died and Edward VII succeeded to the throne, the British Government wanted to issue stamps with the head of the new king immediately or as soon as possible.

The sculptor Emil Fuchs who, at that time was in Switzerland, was given the order to furnish the design for the new stamps. For special reasons, however, the artist could not travel to London to draw the king. At the same time the king was indispensable in England. Therefore, sculptor Fuchs could not have made a design without his model.

But a solution was found. It was learned that Gorlitz, the king's "double", too, happened to be in Switzerland. He was contacted and he modelled the king's head for the artist.

The design was submitted to Edward VII who is said to have found it very good. This is how the image of a "double" came to appear as that of King Edward on the British stamps.

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Better Stamp Designs Wanted

Charles Comfort, R.C.A., writing in the autumn, 1947, issue of "Canadian Art" has an interesting article on Better Designs for Canadian postage stamps. Timeliness of the article no doubt is influenced by the public criticism which arose in some quarters following issuance of the Bell and Citizenship stamps. We reprint the following few paragraphs from Mr. Comfort's article.

Since the conclusion of the first great war, there has been a considerable development in both the concept of the function of the postage stamp, and in the character of the motifs and elements comprising its design. With the widespread international circulation of mail, and the astounding popularity and growth of interest in philately, it has been realized by most nations that the postage stamp is a valuable instrument of discreet national publicity. The stamp, like the poster, is an important communicative art form, with this difference, that the normal role of the poster is usually limited to the creation of responses at home. The stamp carries its message far afield. A well-designed stamp does more than show that the sender has paid the prescribed rate of postage. It brings to the recipient, whether at home or abroad, something of the character, the national dignity, the contemporary awarness of the state in which it had its origin.

With this changing concept of the function of the postage stamp, there has been a noticeable departure from the formal elements and motifs of earlier days. It is in attempting to follow this trend that Canadians have failed. It is not sufficient to produce a design which departs from a former style or motif. That design in itself must be good.

Who is responsible for the selection of Canadian postage stamp designs? Surely the responsibility rests largely with them. We have no

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CANADIAN TOPICS

"The stamp and I"
by Phil Atts

Somebody better hurry and say sumpun about the new Canadian "Dollar" booklet. Methinks this could stand a complete story, but in the interim here are some thoughts, not all my own I'll admit, but with the assistance of a valued correspondent:

1. First time Canada has ever issued airmail stamps in booklet form. And by the way, this was predicted by Phil Atts not so long ago. Remember? O.K., makes no difference now.

2. First time Canada ever issued panes of anything not postage stamps: "Par Avion" labels.

3. Note that the new panes of the 4 cent rose-carmine are quite different from the old ones. Old panes had tab about quarter inch wide, the new ones have tabs about ½ to ¾ inch wide, so the overall dimension (width) is that much greater. There can never be any confusion on this point, as the two are so unlike. Also note that the new 4 cent pane is a pale rose-carmine as compared with the deep color of the old one, so in years to come, the fakir should not be able to trim down these new ones to make the old type. (Get well supplied with both for the benefit of your grandchildren). However, the same master die has been used, and the new pane still carries the 1943 date.

4. The 3 cent violet is a brand new pane of six: previously appeared only in panes of 4 and 3.

5. Entirely new idea in cover design. The pine cone is an original motif. Maybe 'twill become as famous as the old beaver idea.

6. Being a "Gift Folder" could we call it a "Charity Booklet"?

7. The "From" and "To" pane can be used on the outside of a letter or card, and besides it is a "Propaganda" emission, of a very unique kind.

Now come on you philatelists, let's have some more ideas. A penny for your bright thoughts.

The "American Philatelist" for December really gets down to cases under its "Official Notice" column when it lays bare the low-down on certain of this "Roosevelt Issue" idea which has really plagued philately for the last few months. My hearty congratulations to The American Philatelic Society for its fearless presentation of some pretty damaging evidence.

Friend of mine was folding up 1947 Canadian Christmas seals to be mailed out for a "Tuberculosis Clinic" for his service club. Said he was handling hundreds of sheets when 1o and behold he comes on something that felt like thick paper. On examination he finds that two sheets were partly stuck together. Further examination showed that the top sheet was only partly gummed and on opening up the two sheets the back showed a perfect off-set complete all over the reverse. The lower pane had completely missed the blue and green color, and as a matter of fact the offset was much brighter than the proper printing of the lower sheet. I got a portion of the two sheets. The reverse of the upper pane on my part has no gum at all. Quite a curiosity: have any seal collectors seen this error? Would be glad to hear from any and publicise your findings.

"Maple Leaves" (Journal of The Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain) for October has an interesting article on the watermarks of the "Large Cents". A. E. Stephenson, the author, seems to have gone to no end of trouble to dig up information, and yet some of it is briefly summarized in Note "P-15" of the second volume of Boggs. Query—who is pulling whose leg? "Maple Leaves" in this issue is now a nicely printed magazine, having abandoned mimeographed sheets.

A timely story on the Canadian Philatelic Agency appears is the January 5th issue of "Gossip" by Carleton J. Ketchum. Once upon a time I tried to do something the same and got some slings and arrows from unusal quarters. The article is most interesting albeit I do not agree with some of the assertions and I am sure Stanley Deaville will blush at some others.

Keep in mind our special 100th edition for April next.

NEW STAMP DESIGNS

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dearth of artists and fine designers. If large commercial and mercantile interests are able to find good designers in this country, why not a government department? Open competition may provide an answer to the problem, but only if the responsibility of selecting the designs submitted is entrusted to a competent committee of selection. Otherwise, we can only expect further repetition of what we are at present suffering. On the other hand, it might prove more satisfactory for a competent committee to select designers of proven ability and commission them directly to produce stamp designs. At all events, it is to be hoped that we shall not have to endure further Canadian stamp issues which are a source of embarrassment at home and abroad. Surely our policy in this matter should include a desire to create as favourable an impression as possible of Canada, Canadians, and Canadian life and character.

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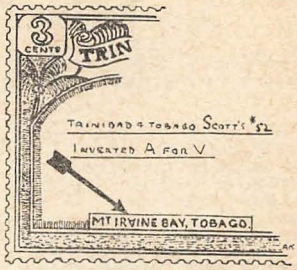
Sketch #210 — Trinidad and Tobago Scott's #52 oddity shows inverted A for V in Mount Irvine. Closely inspected by three experts and found O. K. Sent us by N. T. Bayzand of rince Rupert.



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Captan Walters sued for $15,000 for libel. Said he in court: "I was no saint when I went fishing, but I don't think I would sink so low as to curse the Lord for something He had nothing to do with." Besides, he had often let a woman take a trick at the wheel. What was more, he did not deliver milk, but had three drivers deliver it from his pasteurizing plant in Lunenburg.

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In a previous article (Popular Stamps, September, 1947) the normal and inverted scrolls were dealt with. Further examination discloses four other varieties in the scroll in both the 1st and 2nd printings of the First Issue of Saskatchewan Law Stamps.

It appears that some of the plates from which the scrolls were printed became damaged in use or misuse and on these varieties certain portions of the scroll work are missing.

The sheet position number and description of these varieties follows:

1st Issue—1st Printing

Stamp No. 7. In the lower right corner the second point of the scroll design is missing.

Stamp No. 17. One petal is missing in the lower right rosette at 11 o'clock dial position.

Stamp No. 19. Where the scroll work curls up at the bottom centre the 'curl' on the right hand 'leaf' is missing and two petals are missing in the lower right rosette at 2 o'clock and 4 o'clock.

Stamp No. 22. One petal missing in the lower right rosette in 9 o'clock dial position.

1st Issue—2nd Printing

The same varieties occur in the second printing but are to be found in different positions in the sheet as follows:

Stamp No. 11. One petal missing as in No. 22 of 1st printing.

Stamp No. 12. Curl at bottom centre and 2 petals of rosette missing as in No. 19 of the 1st printing.

Stamp No. 14. One petal missing as in No. 17 of the 1st printing.

Stamp No. 22. One point of the design missing in lower right corner as in No. 7 of the first printing.

When the sheet of printed scrolls was fed to the press INVERTED, as was the case with the $1 and $2 values of the 2nd printing, the same varieties show up at the top of the stamp instead of at the bottom.

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